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TAGS: SREF, CU, PQ (ELSA FREIREICH SOTOLONGO)

SUBJECT: CUBAN ASYLUM SEEKER

REF: (A) CZ 1583; (B) CZ 1584

1. WE BELIEVE IT INAPPROPRIATE TO GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO MRS. SOTOLONGO'S REQUEST FOR ASYLUM AT THIS TIME. IT HAS BEEN NOTED THAT HER MOTHER AND FATHER ARE RESIDING IN THE UNITED STATES AND THAT HER FATHER IS A NATURALIZED U.S. CITIZEN. WHILE THERE ARE UNRESOLVED QUESTIONS CONCERNING HER ADOPTION BY NICOLAS FREIREICH BRAUN, UPON SUCCESSFUL RESOLUTION OF THESE QUESTIONS SHE MAY BE ABLE TO QUALIFY FOR A U.S. IMMIGRANT VISA. IN ADDITION, HER HUSBAND IS A NATURALIZED CITIZEN OF ARGENTINA. IT APPEARS LIKELY THAT SHE COULD OBTAIN PERMISSION TO ENTER ARGENTINA FOR RESIDENCE PURPOSES.
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2. FYI - ASYLUM REQUESTS ARE CONSIDERED INAPPROPRIATE WHENEVER ALTERNATE METHODS FOR ENTRY INTO THE U.S. EXIST, OR IF THERE ARE OTHER THIRD COUNTRIES WILLING TO ACCEPT THE ASYLUM SEEKER OR OTHER COUNTRIES WHERE THE INDIVIDUAL ALREADY HAS TIES, SUCH AS IN THIS CASE, ARGENTINA. END FYI.

3. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THERE IS NO INTENTION OF FORCIBLY RETURNING HER TO CUBA. WE, OF COURSE, WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO HER BEING TURNED OVER TO THE PANAMANIAN AUTHORITIES PROVIDED THE PANAMANIANS DO NOT INTEND TO FORCIBLY RETURN HER TO CUBA. ONCE IN PANAMA, SHE COULD PURSUE THE POSSIBILITY FOR A U.S. IMMIGRANT VISA THROUGH REGULAR IMMIGRATION CHANNELS, AN ENTRY VISA TO ARGENTINA, OR ASYLUM IN PANAMA. SINCE THESE ALTERNATIVES ARE OPEN TO MRS. SOTOLONGO, WE ARE NOT ABLE TO FURTHER CONSIDER HER REQUEST.

4. CANAL ZONE AUTHORITIES ARE REQUESTED TO INFORM DEPT. OF PERTINENT INFORMATION REGARDING THIS CASE WHICH MAY HAVE COME TO LIGHT SINCE INITIAL REPORTING CABLES AND TO CONTINUE TO KEEP US ADVISED OF THE STATUS OF HER CASE. KISSINGER

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